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Monday Morning SNAPA Newsletter

March 23, 2020

Monday Morning is the bi-weekly School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania newsletter that keeps our members up to date with member professional growth and advocacy opportunities!

COVID-19 Coronavirus SNAPA Update

The School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update to all Members
March 19, 2020



Many of you have inquired about our annual conference scheduled for August 2020. At this time, we are moving ahead with the August 3rd- August 6th, 2020 Annual Conference at the Kalahari in Mount Pocono, PA. We will provide an update to all members if anything changes.

Many of our school district members are working hard to feed vulnerable students and families during this pandemic and we are so proud of the good work they are doing every day! Please know that you're not alone in working to implement best practices for keeping students and families fed and nourished. We're so delighted to see so many of you supporting your communities by offering food pick-up and delivery opportunities. Way to rally and rise to the occasion!

Additionally, we have received many calls from our B&I Partners asking how they can help. We appreciate your support during this challenging time.

SNAPA is working to provide the most up-to-date information relevant to PA's school nutrition professionals. In addition, like you, we are receiving communication from the Center for Disease Control, the Governor's office, Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Below you will find links to the most updated information. This information changes daily, stay updated by visiting each site daily.

[Pennsylvania COVID 19 - Update Webpage](#)

[Pennsylvania Department of Education- COVID 19- School Community Resources Page](#)

[Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture- COVID 19- Resource Page](#)

We will continue communication as necessary. Be well & stay healthy in this uncertain time.

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Frequent updates from the PA Department of Health

As more testing becomes available, the number of confirmed cases across Pennsylvania continues to rise. The [Department of Health website](#) updates regularly and also includes valuable resources on symptoms and testing, slowing the spread, and answers to frequently asked questions.

←→ | SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing means staying away from close contact in public spaces.



Message from our Colleague Bart Christian

School closures nationwide are now official, and you and your team are on the front lines ensuring kids get the food they need so desperately. I have always believed that you all are superheroes, now you are proving it to the world.

In our conversations with multiple districts across the country this week we understand that some are utilizing non-food service staff such as bus drivers, custodians, and warehouse personnel to help serve our kids. People who may not be familiar with some of the basics of food safety and sanitation. We have made the decision that during this time we are giving everyone in the country IMMEDIATE and FREE access to our nationally accredited Food Handler Training Program.

[Click Here for Immediate Access](#)

Our goal is to give you a tool to help ensure that any non-food service staff can be quickly brought up to speed for the safety of your kids and staff. Below are start-up recommendations for anyone who may be new to foodservice & child nutrition.

[CHAP 1: INTRODUCTION TO FOOD SAFETY AND WHO IS MOST AT RISK](#)

[CHAP 2: BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS – VIRUSES, PARASITES & BACTERIA](#)

[CHAP 5: PROPER PERSONAL HYGIENE](#)

Please feel free to share this information with anyone. These are very timely, and the principles apply at school and at home.

Also, earlier this week we shared SOPs for Non-Congregate Feeding that our team put together covering "Drive Up Service and School Bus Delivery". Just in case you missed it, here is the link. [Click Here to Download](#)

If you have any questions or comments please contact me directly at Bart@BartChristian.com and we will respond ASAP.

Child nutrition staff are now officially heroes in communities across the nation. You and I have always known it and now the world does too.

God bless you all and the great work you continue to do every day for the kids.

WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS®

Topic: Tips for Effective Communication with Your Community During COVID-19 School Closures

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Wed 2:00 PM EST

[Click Here to Register](#)

(must be an SNA Member, have your login
information available)



Edward J. Schindel Scholarship Open!

The family of Edward J. Schindel has established this scholarship as a lasting memorial in his honor. The scholarship is for a graduating senior who intends to pursue a career in a food service-related field and must be recommended by an active SNAPA member. Application deadline in May 1, 2019.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE FOR THE
EDWARD J. SCHINDEL AWARD](#)

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE EDWARD J.
SCHINDEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)



SNAPA Regional Award Application Open!

The Annual Regional Awards were developed to encourage child nutrition professionals to continue their education and further their professional development to better serve the need of the Child Nutrition Programs in Pennsylvania. Applicants should show program involvement through teamwork with staff, teachers, administrators, students and the community. Applicants should also show ways to better serving customers needs in area of nutrition education and customer service.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE FOR THE
ANNUAL REGIONAL AWARD](#)

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AWARD APPLICATION](#)

SNA Conference Scholarships



Click the links below to learn more about SNA conference
scholarships!

[SNA Conference Scholarships](#)

[Jack Maas, Jr. ANC Scholarship](#)

SAVE THE DATE

SNAPA 2020

Annual Conference

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions

~Industry Expo ~ Wednesday, August 5, 2020 ~



Free Posters!

Lean and Green Kids is providing free 2'x3' posters for your school cafeterias! Please contact Donna@leanandgreenkids.org to request your posters while supplies last! Learn more by visiting leanandgreenkids.org



News Around the Web

March 18, 2020

[Webinar: Best of #SNIC2020: Making it Happen - Sustainability and School Nutrition](#)

March 31, 2020

[SN Research & Best Practices Poster Showcase Submission Deadline](#)

April 24, 2020

[SNF Application Deadline for ANC Conference Scholarships](#)

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[SNF Application Deadline for ANC First-Timer Scholarships](#)

April 24, 2020

[SNF Application Deadline for Jack Maas, Jr. ANC Scholarship](#)

April 30-May 2, 2020

[National Leadership Conference](#)

May 1, 2020

[School Lunch Hero Day Celebration](#)

May 2020

[Spring Industry Boot Camp Events](#)

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